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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

Applicant agrees in part with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in that the prior art does not anticipate, or render obvious, the claimed invention. However, Applicant notes that the Examiner's Statement fails to address all limitations of all of the allowed claims except in a general cursory manner. For example, certain claim limitations were not discussed in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, including those in the dependent claims, each of which

defines a unique combination of features not shown or suggested by the prior art, providing additional reasons for allowance of each claim.

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Respectfully submitted,

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